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FOREWORD.—With this number the VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW begins its fourth volume. It is the purpose of the present Board of Editors to pursue the same policy which has been pursued by our predecessors, not confining the work to the local law of Virginia, but publishing articles of general interest to the profession, and commenting upon recent decisions of courts of record throughout the United States. The same relative proportion will be preserved between the several departments; except that the Book Review Department will be slightly enlarged in order to cover a broader field and be of more service to our readers. The leading articles will be prepared by prominent members of the Bench and Bar and by teachers of the profession, and the Notes and Recent Decisions will be the work of the members of the Board—undergraduates in the Law School.

We wish to express our genuine gratitude to the contributors of leading articles. It is to those who have contributed articles in the past that we owe whatever success the REVIEW has attained, and to those who have so generously promised to contribute in the future that we owe our chief encouragement.

THE LAW SCHOOL.—Although conditioned students have been entirely eliminated, and the rules regarding special students have been made much more stringent, the enrollment in the Law School, at the date of going to press, numbers 221. This is only a slight

decrease from the number at a corresponding time last session. The following table indicates the enrollment by states and countries:

Alabama	1	Massachusetts	1
Arkansas	4	Michigan	1
California	1	Missouri	3
Canada	1	New Jersey	2
Connecticut	1	New York	4
Delaware	1	North Carolina	3
District of Columbia	6	Pennsylvania	2
Florida	4	South Carolina	8
Georgia	8	Tennessee	16
Illinois	1	Texas	6
Indiana	1	Virginia	120
Kentucky	12	West Virginia	8
Louisiana	3	Wyoming	1
Maryland	2		
		Total	221

Professor Eager has been promoted from an associate professorship to a full professorship, bringing the total number of full professors in the Law School up to five. The course in Evidence has been extended to include sixty instead of forty lectures, and the Course in Practice at Law to include thirty instead of twenty lectures as heretofore. Professor Eager will teach the course in Practice at Law. The courses in Taxation and International Law will henceforth be required for graduation. The course in Suretyship and Guaranty has been discontinued.

It is regretted that Professor Paul has not yet returned to the University, on account of ill health; but it is hoped that he will be able to return within a few days.

THE CHARLES MINOR BLACKFORD PRIZE.—This prize was established through the liberality of Mrs. Susan Colston Blackford, of Lynchburg, Va., in memory of her husband, the late Charles Minor Blackford, a distinguished alumnus of the Law School. The prize consists of fifty dollars in cash, and is awarded each year to a student in the Department of Law for the best essay on some legal or sociological subject. The award is made by a committee of three competent persons, not locally connected with the University, to be selected annually by the Law Faculty.

For the session of 1915-16 this prize was awarded to Mr. Eugene S. Williams, whose essay was entitled "Leading Questions on the Examination of a Witness."

EFFECT OF WITHDRAWING EVIDENCE ERRONEOUSLY ADMITTED.—When evidence which the law declares to be inadmissible has been improperly allowed to go before the jury, can the error thus com-